

HOUSE BILL 3475  
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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 3, relative to the right to display the official flag of the United States and state of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, throughout the illustrious history of this great state and of these United States, certain symbols and icons of the principals for which this state and nation were founded and continue to stand are held sacred to all citizens; and

WHEREAS, perhaps no symbols hold a more sacrosanct place in the collective thoughts and beliefs of the people of this state than the flag of the United States of America and the flag of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, men and women of this state have spilled their blood and given their last full measure of devotion for over two hundred years on battlefields in this country and all over the world to protect these symbols and the principals of democracy, equality, and freedom for which they stand; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon this General Assembly to do everything in its power to not only permit but to also encourage the appropriate display of these venerable symbols of all that is great about this state and this country; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section 4-1-328. Unless otherwise prohibited by a valid state or federal law, contract or restrictive covenant, it shall be the right of every person in this state to appropriately display the flag or banner of this state, as defined in § 4-1-301, or the flag of the United States of America. Such right shall be abridged by no one unless done so in accordance with any such law, contract or restrictive covenant.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.